

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 21 JUNE 2006

**THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5
CLOVE CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG**

Councillor Shafiqul Haque, Mayor in the Chair

Members Present:

Councillor Helal Abbas	Councillor Ann Jackson
Councillor Ohid Ahmed	Councillor Denise Jones
Councillor Rofique U Ahmed	Councillor Dr. Emma Jones
Councillor Anwara Ali	Councillor Azizur Rahman Khan
Councillor Shahed Ali	Councillor Rania Khan
Councillor M. Shahid Ali	Councillor Shiria Khatun
Councillor Timothy Archer	Councillor Abdul Matin
Councillor Abdul Asad	Councillor Abjol Miah
Councillor Rupert Bawden	Councillor Fozol Miah
Councillor Lutfa Begum	Councillor Abdul Munim
Councillor Philip Briscoe	Councillor Timothy O'Flaherty
Councillor Alibor Choudhury	Councillor Ahmed Adam Omer
Councillor Shamim A. Chowdhury	Councillor Joshua Peck
Councillor Stephanie Eaton	Councillor Lutfur Rahman
Councillor Rupert Eckhardt	Councillor Oliur Rahman
Councillor Marc Francis	Councillor M. Mamun Rashid
Councillor Peter Golds	Councillor Simon Rouse
Councillor Carli Harper-Penman	Councillor Mohammed Abdus Salique
Councillor Clair Hawkins	Councillor A A Sardar
Councillor Alexander Heslop	Councillor Bill Turner
Councillor Shirley Houghton	Councillor Dulal Uddin
Councillor Ahmed Hussain	Councillor Abdal Ullah
Councillor Sirajul Islam	Councillor Salim Ullah
Councillor Waiseul Islam	Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Rajib Ahmed and Louise Alexander.

RESOLVED

That the apologies for absence be noted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made:-

Councillor Fozol Miah declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 12.1 – Crossrail – Petition against the 2nd Additional Provisions of the Crossrail Bill, published May, 2006. The declaration was made on the basis that he was employed in his family's business which was located in Hanbury Street which might be adversely affected by the proposals. He left the Council Chamber when the item was under discussion and did not return until after it had been completed;

Councillor Abdul Asad declared a personal interest in agenda item 8.2 Tower Hamlets Community Plan. The declaration was made on the basis that he was the Council's nominee to Tower Hamlets PCT;

Councillor Sirajul Islam declared a personal interest in agenda item 8.2 Tower Hamlets Community Plan. The declaration was made on the basis that he was an executive member of Tower Hamlets PCT;

Councillor Ohid Ahmed declared a personal interest in agenda item 8.2 Tower Hamlets Community Plan. The declaration was made on the basis that he was an employee of Leaside Regeneration Co Ltd;

Councillor Ahmed Hussain declared a personal interest in agenda item 8.4 Controlled Drinking Zone. The declaration was made on the basis that he was an employee of Tower Hamlets PCT;

Councillor Lutfa Begum declared a personal interest in agenda items 8.2 Tower Hamlets Community Plan, 8.3 The Council's Strategic Plan 2006 to 2011, and 9.1 Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The declaration was made on the basis that she was a practice nurse employed by Tower Hamlets PCT;

Councillor Ann Jackson declared a personal interest in agenda item 12.1 Crossrail – Petition against the 2nd Additional Provisions of the Crossrail Bill, published May 2006. The declaration was made on the basis that she was owner-occupier of a house which might be affected by the proposals; and

Councillor Denise Jones declared a personal interest in agenda item 12.1 Crossrail – Petition against the 2nd Additional Provisions of the Crossrail Bill, published May 2006.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 24th May 2006 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and the Mayor be authorised to sign them.

4. TO RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, MEMBERS OF THE CABINET OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

There were no announcements made.

5. TO RECEIVE ANY PETITIONS OR DEPUTATIONS

There were no requests to submit petitions.

5.1 A request to submit a deputation from Ms. L. Rogers, Columbia Road, E2, on the subject of Crossrail (Agenda item 5.1)

The Mayor informed the meeting that Ms Rogers had withdrawn her deputation request.

5.2 A request to submit a deputation from Ms. P. Cottage, Sivill House, Columbia Road, E2, on the subject of Housing Choice (Agenda item 5.2)

At the invitation of the Mayor, Mr Phil Sedler, on behalf of the deputation addressed the meeting on the subject of the Council's Housing Choice policies. Mr Sedler responded to series of questions put by members. Councillor Bawden responded on behalf of the Council.

RESOLVED

That the issues raised by the deputation be referred to the Director of Housing Management for response within 28 days.

6. VARIATION OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Moved by Councillor Denise Jones, **Seconded** by Councillor Sirajul Islam and

RESOLVED

That in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 14.1.3 of the Constitution, that the order of business of the meeting be varied and agenda item – 12.1 Crossrail; Petition against the 2nd Additional Provisions of the Crossrail Bill, published May 2006 be considered after the completion of agenda item 5.

7. CROSSRAIL - PETITION AGAINST THE 2ND ADDITIOAL PROVISIONS OF THE CROOSRAIL BILL, PUBLISHED MAY 2006

As Councillor Fozol Miah had declared a prejudicial interest in this item at the beginning of the meeting, he left the Council Chamber prior to its discussion and did not return until the item had been concluded.

Following discussion.

RESOLVED

- 1 That in the judgement of the Council it is expedient for the Council to oppose the 9th May 2006 Amendment of Provisions to the Crossrail Bill now being promoted in the present Session of Parliament;
- 2 That by this resolution the Council consents to such opposition and thereby approves the submission and content of the petition against the second tranche of Additional Provisions to the Crossrail Bill as set out in Appendix A to the report;
- 3 That all necessary steps be taken for the purposes of such opposition and for complying with the provisions of section 239 of the Local Government Act 1972;
- 4 That the Corporate Director (Development and Renewal) be authorised to continue negotiations with the Crossrail Team in relation to the issues in the second petition as set out in Appendix A to the report with a view to resolving the Authority's objections to the Crossrail project and withdrawing in full or in part the second petition in the event of a successful outcome to the negotiations; and
- 5 That the Corporate Director (Development and Renewal) be authorised to negotiate and resolve matters arising consequential to the Authority's objections to the Crossrail project insofar as the specific authority of the Council is not required.

(A majority of the members of the Council voted in favour of the resolution)

8. TO RECEIVE WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (AGENDA ITEM 6)

Two questions were submitted by members of the public for response by members of the Cabinet, details of which were set out in agenda item no 6. The questions together with the draft responses were tabled on blue paper.

(i) Question from Terry McGreenera, Devons Road, E3 to Councillor Sirajul Islam, Deputy Leader of the Council

Councillor Sirajul Islam referred to his tabled response. Mr McGreenera asked a brief supplementary question to which Councillor Islam responded.

(ii) Question from Miss Jill Iremonger, Vallance Road, E1 to Councillor Rupert Bawden, Lead Member for Housing and Development

Councillor Rupert Bawden referred to his tabled response to which he spoke. Miss Iremonger asked a brief supplementary question to which Councillor Bawden responded.

9. TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL (AGENDA ITEM 7)

25 questions were submitted by members of the Council for response by members of the Cabinet, details of which were set out in agenda item no 7. The questions together with draft responses were tabled on yellow paper.

(i) Question from Councillor Alex Heslop to Councillor Rupert Bawden, Lead Member for Development and Housing.

Councillor Bawden referred to his tabled response to which he spoke. Councillor Heslop asked a brief supplementary question to which Councillor Bawden responded.

(ii) Question from Councillor Rania Khan to Councillor Joshua Peck, Lead Member for Performance and Resources

Councillor Peck referred to his tabled response to which he spoke. Councillor Khan asked a brief supplementary question to which Councillor Peck responded.

MOVED by Councillor Timothy Archer, **SECONDED** by Councillor Rupert Eckhardt that in accordance with the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 27.1 the provisions of Rule 12.10 be suspended to enable all the questions submitted by members of the Council to be considered.

The Mayor put the motion to the vote and it was **LOST**.

(iii) Question from Councillor Simon Rouse to Councillor Denise Jones, Leader of the Council

Councillor Jones referred to her tabled response to which she spoke. Councillor Rouse asked a brief supplementary question to which Councillor Jones responded.

(iv) Question from Councillor Stephanie Eaton to Councillor Abdul Asad, Lead Member for Older People and Health

Councillor Asad referred to his tabled response to which he spoke. Councillor Eaton asked a brief supplementary question to which Councillor Asad responded.

(v) Question from Councillor Marc Francis to Councillor Helal Abbas, Lead Member for Children's Services

Councillor Abbas referred to his tabled response to which he spoke. Councillor Francis asked a brief supplementary question to which Councillor Abbas responded.

(vi) Question from Councillor Ahmed Hussain to Councillor Helal Abbas, Lead Member for Children's Services

Councillor Abbas referred to his tabled response to which he spoke. Councillor Hussain asked a brief supplementary question to which Councillor Abbas responded.

(vii) Question from Councillor Shirley Houghton to Councillor Abdal Ullah, Lead Member for Cleaner, Safer, Greener

Councillor Ullah referred to his tabled response to which he spoke. Councillor Houghton asked a brief supplementary question to which Councillor Ullah responded.

In accordance with Rule 12.9 questions 2.8 to 2.25 were not considered due to lack of time. A copy of the tabled responses would be forwarded to the questioners.

10. REPORTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE AND THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES

10.1 Youth Justice Plan 2006-2007: Key Proposals (Agenda item 9.1)

After discussion it was

RESOLVED

1 That the draft 2006/2007 Youth Justice Plan, attached at Appendix A to the report (CAB 195/056) be approved; and

2 That the draft 2006/2007 Youth Justice Plan Delivery Plan attached at Appendix B to the report.

10.2 Tower Hamlets Community Plan to 2010 Year 6 (2006/2007) Revision (Agenda item 9.2)

After discussion it was

RESOLVED

1 That the Tower Hamlets Community Plan to 2010: Year 6 (2006-2007) revision, attached at Appendix 1 to report (CAB 008/067), be approved subject to necessary and appropriate amendments to ensure that the plan is accurate, coherent and reflects the views of Members; and

2. That the Chief Executive be authorised to make appropriate and necessary amendments to the Tower Hamlets Community Plan to 2010; Year 6 (2006-07) in advance of final publication.

Councillors O'Flaherty, Golds and Eaton requested that their abstentions to the above decisions be recorded in the minutes, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17.5.

10.3 The Council's Strategic Plan 2006 to 2011: Year 1 Implementation Plan (2006/7) & Best Value Performance Plan (Agenda item 9.3)

After discussion it was

RESOLVED

1 That the Council's Strategic Plan 2006-2011:Year 1 implementation Plan (2006/2007) and Best Value Performance Plan, attached at appendix 1 and 2 to the report be approved , subject to necessary and appropriate amendments to ensure that the plan is accurate, coherent and reflects the views of Members; and

2 That the Chief Executive be authorised to make appropriate and necessary amendments to the Strategic Plan 2006 – 2011 Year 1 and Best Value Performance Plan (2006/2007) in advance of final publication: and that these amendments include appropriate accommodation of the advice and comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee circulated at the meeting of the Cabinet held on 7th June 2006.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9.59 p.m. **MOVED** by Councillor Salim Ullah, and **SECONDED** by Councillor Rofique Uddin Ahmed, and

RESOLVED

That in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.1.12 the meeting be adjourned for five minutes.

At 10.09 p.m. the meeting resumed consideration of the remaining items of business.

MOVED by Councillor Simon Rouse, **SECONDED** by Councillor Stephanie Eaton that in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.1.13, the meeting be extended by half an hour.

The Mayor put the motion to the vote and it was **LOST**.

10.4 Controlled Drinking Zones- Bethnal Green and Whitechapel (Agenda item 9.4)

After discussion it was

RESOLVED

That the Assistant Chief Executive be authorised to:

- (i) consider any representations received to the consultation referred to in the report;
- (ii) approve the making of the proposed Drinking Control Zones for the areas indicated on the plans attached at Appendices A and B to the report; and
- (iii) consider the inclusion of any additional areas within the Drinking Control Zones, as identified during the consultation, as appropriate for such inclusion.

10.5 Annual Report of Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2005/2006 (Agenda item 9.4)

After discussion it was

RESOLVED

That the annual report 2005/2006 from Overview and Scrutiny be noted.

MOVED by Councillor Simon Rouse, **SECONDED** by Councillor Tim Archer that in accordance with the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 27 of the Constitution, the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 14.13 be suspended to allow a further vote on extending the meeting.

In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 17.4, 10 members requested that a recorded vote be held on the motion.

The following members voted for the motion:-

Councillor Abjol Miah
 Councillor Simon Rouse
 Councillor Stephanie Eaton
 Councillor Shahed Ali
 Councillor Timothy Archer
 Councillor Lutfa Begum
 Councillor Philip Briscoe
 Councillor Shamin Ahmed Choudhury
 Councillor Ruper Eckhardt
 Councillor Peter Golds
 Councillor Shirley Houghton
 Councillor Ahmed Hussain
 Councillor Waiseul Islam
 Councillor Dr Emma Jones
 Councillor Azizur Rahman Khan
 Councillor Rania Khan
 Councillor Abdul Matin
 Councillor Fozol Miah
 Councillor Mohammed Abdul Munim
 Councillor Timothy O'Flaherty

The following members voted against the motion:-

Councillor Denise Jones
 Councillor Helal Abbas
 Councillor Ohid Ahmed
 Councillor Rofique Uddin Ahmed
 Councillor Anwara Ali
 Councillor Mohammed Shahid Ali
 Councillor Abdul Asad
 Councillor Rupert Bawden
 Councillor Alibor Choudhury
 Councillor Marc Francis
 Councillor Carli Harper-Penman
 Councillor Shafiqul Haque
 Councillor Clair Hawkins
 Councillor Alex Heslop
 Councillor Sirajul Islam
 Councillor Ann Jackson
 Councillor Shiria Khatum
 Councillor Ahmed Adam Omer
 Councillor Joshua Peck
 Councillor Lutfur Rahman

Councillor Oliur Rahman
Councillor Mohammed Mamun
Rashid
Councillor Dulal Uddin

Councillor Mohammed Abdus Salique
Councillor Abdul Aziz Sardar
Councillor Bill Turner
Councillor Abdal Ullah
Councillor Salim Ullah
Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman

The Mayor declared the motion to be **LOST**.

The Mayor then thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions and closed the meeting at 10.50 p.m.

Councillor Shafiqul Haque
Mayor